

24th November 2020

Y11 Mock Exams

Dear Y11 Parent / Carer,

As you are aware, Year 11 students will be sitting their GCSE Mock exams from **Monday 30th November to Thursday 10th December.**

Mock exams are always an important part of GCSE preparation. Given the uncertain national picture at the moment and the very real threat to this year's public exams however, these mocks are even more important than normal. It is essential students sit their mocks in a formal setting, under full exam conditions and experience something that is as close to the real thing as possible. We know students have been working tirelessly to prepare for these exams, with many attending revision club and completing thorough revision at home. This will be an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the progress that they have made and to have honest conversations with their teachers about how they can improve further.

During the mock period there will be some changes to the school day. Students are expected to arrive every day at the usual time – **between 8:00 and 8:30**. Their finish time will depend slightly on the length of their afternoon exam. There are no normal Year 11 lessons taking place during the 2-week mock period. Instead, students will have masterclass lessons. These lessons will be revision lessons run by Heads of Department. If a student does not have an exam or a masterclass, they will study in their timetabled classroom – where they will be expected to **revise independently**. If students don't have an afternoon exam, they will be registered in the dining hall at 2pm by a member of ESLT and then sent home to revise.

As mentioned, we are keen to make this mock exam experience as much like the real GCSE weeks as possible. Therefore, if a student misses an exam for an unauthorized reason, they may receive a U grade for that paper. If you are aware of any unavoidable medical (or other) appointments, please let us know immediately so we can re-schedule any exams in advance, where possible. *(Please note, students will have a second opportunity to sit GCSE mock exams in March.)*

Detention for Year 11 will be operating as normal during this time. Given how hard students have been working and how important this period is, however, we expect very few detentions. Students should be aware that the exams will be externally invigilated so **formal exam behaviour** and conduct will be expected. Failure to meet these expectations (talking in exams or turning around etc.) will be sanctioned severely. Students are expected to attend their mock exams in **full school uniform**.

Students should now be revising at home in preparation for these mock exams and the real GCSEs to follow. Creating a revision timetable will really help them do this in an organised way. I have issued each student with a blank revision timetable and advised them on how to go about this. Please go through these revision timetables with them so you know how they are preparing. Students have also been given a personal copy of their **exam timetable**. This shows when each of their exams are and how long they will last. Students must take care of these and bring them into school every day during the mock period.

Lastly, we know mock exams can be a pressured and anxious time for many students. This is always the case; however, it is obviously heightened this year due to the added coronavirus complications. Please be assured that we are preparing students for these exams carefully and always have their wellbeing at the heart of everything we do. If you do feel that your child is struggling more than expected however, please do get in touch and let us know - my email address is h.abubaker@kaa.org.uk.

Kind regards,

Mr Abubaker
Director of Learning - Year 11

Week 1 – Monday 30th November – Friday 4th December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
Scheduled time: 8:30 Actual start time:	English Literature 1 1 hr 50 mins	Science - Biology 1 hr 15 mins (combined) 1 hr 45 (triple)	Maths 1 1 hr 30 mins	History 1 1 hr	Science - Chem 1 hr 15 mins (combined) 1 hr 45 (triple)				
End time: 10:35						10:00/10:30	10:15	09:45	10:00/10:30
No. of students: 175						175	175	87	175
Scheduled time: 11:10 Actual start time:	Geography 1 1 hr 30 mins	French Writing Higher: 1 hr 20 Foundation: 1 hr 5	English Literature 2 1 hr 45 mins	Drama 1 hr 30 mins	PE 1 1 hr 45 min				
End time: 12:55		German Writing Higher: 1 hr 20 mins Foundation: 1 hr 5		12:30/12:45	13:10	12:55	13:10		
No. of students: 113		60		175	62	40			
Scheduled time: 14:00 Actual start time:	Computer sci. 1 1 hr 30 mins	Religious Education 1 1 hr		Psychology 1 1 hr 45 mins	Religious Education 2 1 hr				
End time: 15:45				DT 2 hrs		16:00/16:15	15:15		
No. of students: 44				79		88	79		

Week 2 – Monday 7th December – Thursday 10th December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
Scheduled time: 8:30 Actual start time:	Maths 2 1 hr 30 mins	English Language 1 hr 45 mins	Science - Physics 1 hr 15 mins (combined) 1 hr 45 (triple)	Maths 3 1 hr 30 mins	No Exams				
End time: 10:15						10:30	10:00/10:30	10:15	10:45
No. of students: 175						175	175	175	53
Scheduled time: 11:10 Actual start time:	Geography 2 1 hr 15 mins	French List & Read Higher: 1 hr 45 mins Foundation: 1 hr 20 mins	History 2 1 hr 20 mins	Statistics 2 1 hr 30 mins	No Exams				
End time: 12:40		German List & Read Higher: 1 hr 45 mins Foundation: 1 hr 20 mins		12:45		12:55			
No. of students: 113		60		87		46			
Scheduled time: 14:00 Actual start time:	Computer sci. 2 1 hr	Psychology 2 1 hr 45 mins	PE 2 1 hr 15 mins	Religious Education 3 1 hr	No Exams				
End time: 15:15/15:30						Music 1 hr 15 mins	Food prep 1 hr 45 mins	Citizenship 2 1 hr	
No. of students: 55						45	40	79	